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AMENDMENT NO. 4016

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4016 proposed to S. 3217, an original bill to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4018

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4018 intended to be proposed to S. 3217, an original bill to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4036

At the request of Mr. BENNETT, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4036 intended to be proposed to S. 3217, an original bill to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 3381. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to modify certain definitions of the term "renewable biomass", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation with my colleagues Senator CRAPO and Senator TESTER that will establish a single definition of renewable biomass for the purposes of the Renewable Fuel Standard, RFS, a future Renewable Electricity Standard, RES, and climate change legislation.

When I travel back to my hometown of Helena, MT, trees that line the roads

there are turning red. Mountain pine beetles are killing Montana's trees at a terrible rate. Our legendary harsh winters once were enough to keep the beetles at bay, but no longer. Global warming has literally hit home for me. These thousands of acres of red, dead trees are virtually worthless under current law, serving as little more than kindling for wildfires.

This bill can help add value to this biomass while also creating a source of renewable domestic energy. It will establish a simple, broad, single definition for renewable biomass that is consistent with current law—the 2008 Farm Bill.

Some say this definition is too broad and fails to protect ecologically sensitive areas. In fact, there are many laws that dictate Federal forest management, and my amendment does nothing to change these laws. All projects that would create biomass due to my amendment would have to comply with the National Forest Management Act, the Endangered Species Act, the National Environmental Policy Act and others.

All projects on federal forests must go through NEPA where the land management agency must study potential environmental impacts and mitigate those impacts. The public has many opportunities to comment and shape these projects and nothing in my amendment changes these safeguards. Further, my amendment would do nothing to change designated Wilderness areas or Wilderness Study Areas or otherwise weaken the Wilderness Act.

Right now our national forests are growing 20 billion board feet per year. Eight billion board feet die every year and only two million board feet are removed. This has resulted in overstocked, unhealthy forests. We can either restore forest health, produce renewable energy and local high-wage jobs, or we can allow nature to impose its own will through wildfire and infestation.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation, and I look forward to working with them to enact this bill this year.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 532—RECOGNIZING EXPO 2010 SHANGHAI CHINA AND THE USA PAVILION AT THE EXPO

Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. UDALL of Colorado) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 532

Whereas Expo 2010 Shanghai China (Expo 2010) will take place May 1 through October 31, 2010 with the theme "Better City, Better Life";

Whereas Expo 2010 will be the largest such event in 150 years of Expo history with an es-

timated 70,000,000 visitors expected to attend, many of them from within China;

Whereas approximately 192 countries and 52 international organizations will be represented at Expo 2010;

Whereas Expo 2010 is the first world exposition hosted by China, representing an opportunity for the world to celebrate China's progress over the past 30 years and recognize the aspirations of the people of China to continue the process of "reform and opening up" launched by Chinese Premier Deng Xiao-ping in 1979;

Whereas Shanghai, the host city of Expo 2010, is the dynamic commercial and financial capital of China, noted in China as a cradle of innovation and openness;

Whereas Expo 2010 represents an unprecedented opportunity for the United States to promote understanding of American society, culture, ideas, and values with millions of Chinese citizens visiting the USA Pavilion;

Whereas United States participation in Expo 2010 demonstrates the United States commitment to a forward-looking, positive relationship with China;

Whereas the USA Pavilion theme "Rising to the Challenge" will entertain and educate audiences on the American spirit of innovation and community-building and celebrate the American ideals of collaboration, freedom, diversity, openness, optimism, achievement, and opportunity;

Whereas Expo 2010 will emphasize sound environmental conservation practices, including a solar energy system that will produce 5 megawatts of power and large rooftop canopies to collect rainwater to be purified for drinking;

Whereas support for the USA Pavilion's construction, staffing, operation, and thematic presentations was provided completely by private-sector and other partners consistent with United States law; and

Whereas many of the USA Pavilion's sponsoring partners are also playing an active role in the beneficial development of China's economy and society: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) the Senate congratulates the people of China for hosting Expo 2010 and wishes them every success with this endeavor;

(2) it is the sense of the Senate that Expo 2010 constitutes an important step along the over 30-year path of reform and opening up in China, and serves as a significant reminder of what can be accomplished if China continues along this path;

(3) the Senate calls on the sponsors and operators of the USA Pavilion to make maximum use of this unique opportunity to showcase the very best attributes that the United States has to offer and to strengthen the cultural, scientific, educational, people-to-people, trade, and investment links between the people of the United States and the people of China; and

(4) the Senate acknowledges the more than 60 private-sector and other sponsor partners of the USA Pavilion for their invaluable contributions to the success of this important project and for providing a positive example of public-private partnerships.